has been removed. Efforts are being made to export the maximum quantity of agricultural products including foodgrains.

Deep sea fishing policy

2773. SHRI CP. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the new deep sea fishing policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when, it would be implemented;

(d) whether Fishery Survey of India is considering to map out new grounds for non-shrimp fishery resources; and

(e) the other measures to be adopted to give boost to the fishing industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir. Besides, the ongoing programmes for demersal fisheries resources survey and long lining survey for tuna with existing fleet, the Fishery Survey of India is in the process of acquiring new vessels for further diversifying their resources survey efforts.

(e) Strengthening of existing infrastructure for harvest and post harvest operations, creating new facilities, improving quality and food safety standards and human resource development in the fisheries sector are measures that may give boost to the fishing industry.